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## December 2019 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton and Washington County had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rates at 3.0 percent in December 2019. Other counties with some of the lowest unemployment rates in December included Hood River (3.1%) and Multnomah (3.2%). Seven counties had unemployment rates below the national rate of 3.5 percent. Nine of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 3.7 percent.

Grant County registered the highest unemployment rate for the month at 6.6 percent. Other counties with some of the highest unemployment rates in November were Klamath (6.3%) and Wallowa (5.9%).

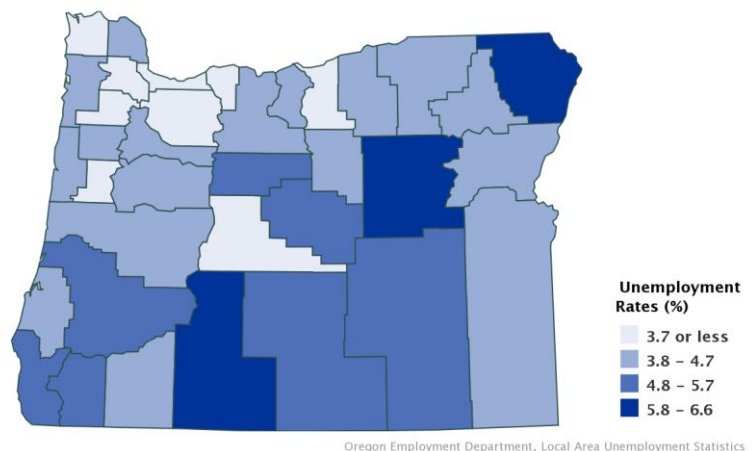
In December 2019, all of Oregon's counties were at or below their unemployment rates for December 2018. Wheeler County had the same unemployment rate in December 2018 as in December 2019 (4.5%). Curry County's unemployment decreased the most, from 6.8 percent in December 2018 to 5.1 percent in December 2019.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all six of Oregon's broad regions between December 2018 and December 2019. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+2.2%). The Portland area (+1.0%), Southern Oregon (+1.0%), the Willamette Valley (+0.8%), the Coast (+0.7%), and Eastern Oregon (+0.6%) also saw employment growth over the past year.

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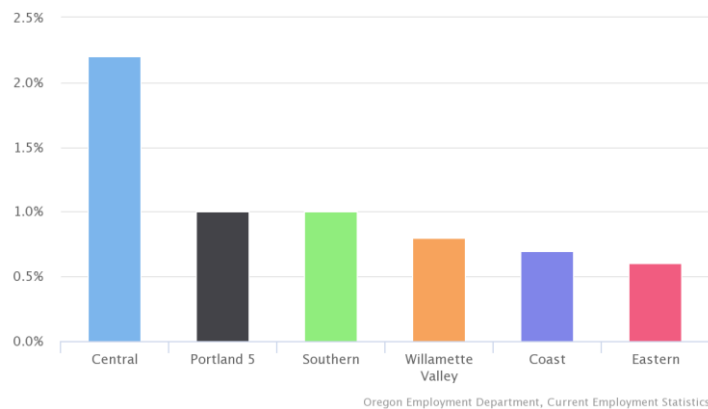
The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for January 2020 on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The January 2020 county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, December 2019



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region

December 2018 to December 2019, Seasonally Adjusted Nonfarm Employment





Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	December 2019					November 2019					December 2018				
	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
United States	164,007,000	158,504,000	5,503,000	3.4	3.5	164,386,000	158,945,000	5,441,000	3.3	3.5	162,510,000	156,481,000	6,029,000	3.7	3.9
State of Oregon	2,097,247	2,036,400	60,847	2.9	3.7	2,109,316	2,044,158	65,158	3.1	3.9	2,104,382	2,014,797	89,585	4.3	4.3
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Areas:</b>															
Albany (Linn County)	58,191	56,244	1,947	3.3	4.2	58,807	56,700	2,107	3.6	4.5	58,472	55,665	2,807	4.8	4.9
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,226	93,204	3,022	3.1	3.7	96,192	93,197	2,995	3.1	3.9	96,237	91,744	4,493	4.7	4.3
Corvallis (Benton County)	48,604	47,623	981	2.0	3.0	49,305	48,215	1,090	2.2	3.1	48,663	47,185	1,478	3.0	3.3
Eugene (Lane County)	180,152	174,634	5,518	3.1	4.0	181,015	174,930	6,085	3.4	4.2	180,879	172,671	8,208	4.5	4.6
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,761	34,369	1,392	3.9	4.9	36,155	34,682	1,473	4.1	5.2	35,945	33,847	2,098	5.8	5.7
Medford (Jackson County)	104,932	101,716	3,216	3.1	4.1	106,287	102,870	3,417	3.2	4.4	105,313	100,227	5,086	4.8	5.0
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,337,061	1,300,008	37,053	2.8	3.6	1,337,778	1,295,980	41,798	3.1	3.8	1,326,617	1,274,949	51,668	3.9	4.0
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	198,434	192,290	6,144	3.1	4.0	200,449	193,930	6,519	3.3	4.2	199,988	191,075	8,913	4.5	4.5
<b>Counties:</b>															
Baker	6,797	6,533	264	3.9	4.7	6,899	6,611	288	4.2	5.0	6,931	6,535	396	5.7	5.5
Benton	48,604	47,623	981	2.0	3.0	49,305	48,215	1,090	2.2	3.1	48,663	47,185	1,478	3.0	3.3
Clackamas	219,928	214,219	5,709	2.6	3.4	220,830	214,591	6,239	2.8	3.6	220,104	211,751	8,353	3.8	4.1
Clatsop	18,650	18,048	602	3.2	3.7	19,066	18,430	636	3.3	3.9	18,817	17,937	880	4.7	4.4
Columbia	24,487	23,578	909	3.7	4.6	24,513	23,555	958	3.9	4.8	24,520	23,294	1,226	5.0	5.2
Coos	26,054	25,060	994	3.8	4.7	26,181	25,153	1,028	3.9	5.0	26,446	24,903	1,543	5.8	5.8
Crook	9,468	9,008	460	4.9	5.2	9,493	9,058	435	4.6	5.4	9,425	8,820	605	6.4	6.1
Curry	8,599	8,214	385	4.5	5.1	8,702	8,291	411	4.7	5.4	8,633	8,006	627	7.3	6.8
Deschutes	96,226	93,204	3,022	3.1	3.7	96,192	93,197	2,995	3.1	3.9	96,237	91,744	4,493	4.7	4.3
Douglas	45,609	43,819	1,790	3.9	4.9	45,910	44,035	1,875	4.1	5.1	46,320	43,711	2,609	5.6	5.7
Gilliam	997	968	29	2.9	3.5	993	963	30	3.0	3.8	846	809	37	4.4	4.5
Grant	3,027	2,839	188	6.2	6.6	3,092	2,916	176	5.7	6.9	3,050	2,775	275	9.0	7.8
Harney	3,362	3,205	157	4.7	4.9	3,403	3,281	122	3.6	5.1	3,376	3,130	246	7.3	6.5
Hood River	13,813	13,474	339	2.5	3.1	13,690	13,342	348	2.5	3.3	13,849	13,373	476	3.4	3.4
Jackson	104,932	101,716	3,216	3.1	4.1	106,287	102,870	3,417	3.2	4.4	105,313	100,227	5,086	4.8	5.0
Jefferson	9,843	9,435	408	4.1	4.8	9,967	9,570	397	4.0	5.0	10,095	9,471	624	6.2	5.7
Josephine	35,761	34,369	1,392	3.9	4.9	36,155	34,682	1,473	4.1	5.2	35,945	33,847	2,098	5.8	5.7
Klamath	28,000	26,386	1,614	5.8	6.3	28,269	26,755	1,514	5.4	6.5	29,114	26,909	2,205	7.6	7.1
Lake	3,279	3,136	143	4.4	5.2	3,318	3,188	130	3.9	5.5	3,377	3,138	239	7.1	6.4
Lane	180,152	174,634	5,518	3.1	4.0	181,015	174,930	6,085	3.4	4.2	180,879	172,671	8,208	4.5	4.6
Lincoln	20,071	19,335	736	3.7	4.3	20,496	19,684	812	4.0	4.5	20,553	19,418	1,135	5.5	5.3
Linn	58,191	56,244	1,947	3.3	4.2	58,807	56,700	2,107	3.6	4.5	58,472	55,665	2,807	4.8	4.9
Malheur	12,105	11,702	403	3.3	4.0	12,304	11,919	385	3.1	4.3	12,324	11,675	649	5.3	5.0
Marion	159,197	154,272	4,925	3.1	3.9	160,638	155,441	5,197	3.2	4.1	160,392	153,303	7,089	4.4	4.6
Morrow	5,560	5,371	189	3.4	4.0	5,746	5,555	191	3.3	4.3	5,604	5,329	275	4.9	4.6
Multnomah	459,844	448,392	11,452	2.5	3.2	460,746	448,034	12,712	2.8	3.4	459,821	443,130	16,691	3.6	3.9
Polk	39,237	38,018	1,219	3.1	4.1	39,811	38,489	1,322	3.3	4.3	39,596	37,772	1,824	4.6	4.8
Sherman	933	898	35	3.8	4.0	922	888	34	3.7	4.0	885	848	37	4.2	4.1
Tillamook	11,525	11,132	393	3.4	3.8	11,678	11,299	379	3.2	4.0	11,531	10,952	579	5.0	4.7
Umatilla	35,689	34,301	1,388	3.9	4.7	36,689	35,336	1,353	3.7	5.0	35,920	33,928	1,992	5.5	5.1
Union	11,714	11,252	462	3.9	4.6	11,750	11,316	434	3.7	4.8	11,870	11,157	713	6.0	5.8
Wallowa	3,148	2,999	149	4.7	5.9	3,200	3,055	145	4.5	6.2	3,232	2,996	236	7.3	6.4
Wasco	12,304	11,847	457	3.7	4.1	12,447	11,987	460	3.7	4.3	12,556	11,932	624	5.0	4.5
Washington	325,025	317,479	7,546	2.3	3.0	325,519	317,123	8,396	2.6	3.2	324,541	313,368	11,173	3.4	3.7
Wheeler	677	651	26	3.8	4.5	710	684	26	3.7	4.6	670	639	31	4.6	4.5
Yamhill	54,438	53,039	1,399	2.6	3.4	54,571	53,015	1,556	2.9	3.6	54,472	52,446	2,026	3.7	3.9

(1) Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

Next release: March 10, 2020